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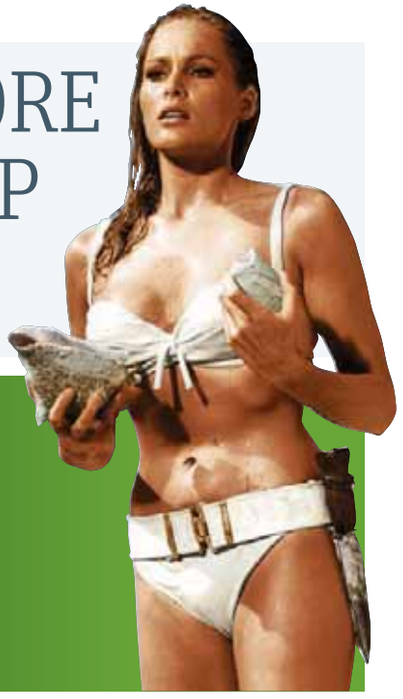

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# Police Taser use down in B.C.

**Significant decline.** Number of uses decreased by 87 per cent since death at Vancouver airport

Taser use by police in British Columbia is down 87 per cent since Robert Dziekanski died at Vancouver's airport five years ago, prompting questions Tuesday from politicians wondering what police are doing now to control out-of-control people.

B.C. police officers used their Tasers 640 times in 2007, compared to 85 deployments last year, assistant deputy justice minister Clayton Pecknold told an all-party committee assessing the status of recommendations to tighten provincial Taser policy since Dziekanski's October 2007 death.

The figures had Liberal MLA John Slater wondering what police have been doing instead to subdue people who are potentially dangerous.

"How many of them have been shot by police?" said Slater. "What has happened in the last five years?"

Gabi Hoffmann, program manager for the police services division in the justice ministry, said police shootings have not increased since Dziekanski's death and the 2009 public inquiry and recommendations of former judge Thomas Braidwood, but she did not provide data.

Hoffmann, who accompanied Pecknold, told the committee police appear to be relying more heavily on verbal skills and physical tools other than Tasers when dealing with potentially dangerous situations.

Pecknold said he couldn't definitively explain why police Taser-use numbers have dropped since Dziekanski's death other than to say it's obvious police are limiting their use of Tasers when it comes to incidents when police resort to force.

In spring 2010, the Mounties introduced a new Taser policy, saying they would fire them at people only when they're hurting someone or clearly about to do so.

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**Death by Taser**

Robert Dziekanski died in October 2007 in an incident at Vancouver International Airport where he was shocked by Tasers several times during a confrontation with four RCMP officers.

A police-issued Taser gun is displayed at the Victoria police station in May 2008. Taser use by police in British Columbia is down 87 per cent since Robert Dziekanski died at Vancouver's airport in October 2007 after repeated Taser shocks by RCMP officers. JONATHAN HAYWARD/THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

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# Victoria dancer shakes her way to green card

**Science, technology and ... burlesque?**
Canadian lands immigrant status in U.S. for her 'extraordinary ability'

Bettina May can shimmy like nobody else and she's convinced U.S. immigration authorities of it.

The Canadian burlesque performer and pin-up model managed to get her U.S. green card as a "resident alien of extraordinary ability," a category reserved for scientists, IT specialists, athletes, celebrities and someone "unique in their field."

Her first plans now that she has landed immigrant status in the United States? A trip home to Victoria, B.C.

"First and foremost, it means I can come back to Canada to see my parents. I haven't been able to go home for two and a half years," May said while she was waiting for her green card.

Leaving the U.S. would have meant "a very slim chance of getting back in," she said.

"I've been homesick."

May launched her career, based on her vintage 1940s style, in Canada 10 years ago as a pin-up model and moved to New York in 2009.

Self-employed, she sponsored herself in her application to stay in the U.S.

"New York is the best city in the world for burlesque and I can make a living here. But Toronto also has an awesome burlesque scene," she said. "Now I'll be able to visit the other half of Canada and know I can come back to New York."

She also runs "pin-up class workshops" that teach women the art of makeup and hair styles that hearken to the World War II glamour-girl era.

"A lot of younger women never learned how to do their hair or makeup from their mothers," she said. "It can be a huge transformation for them to become more self-confident and positive about their bodies."

May took her stage name from her great-aunt Betty, also a redhead, whom she idolized as a sophisticated and impeccably turned-out world traveller. She graduated the University of Victoria with a degree in political science when she realized her own vintage style of glamour could be her livelihood.

"I'd always had more of an hourglass figure but it wasn't until I saw old pictures that I realized, these women have curves and hips and were the glamour icons of their day. There was something about it that was sweet and innocent and still sexy."

Her shows feature a leisurely sultry striptease that ends with a just a brief flash of nudity.

Despite her U.S. status, the 33-year-old granddaughter of Saskatchewan farmers said she remains proudly Canadian and lists socialist politician Tommy Douglas as one of her heroes.

"I'm still a Canadian citizen and I will always remain so. But it's nice to have that ease of movement."

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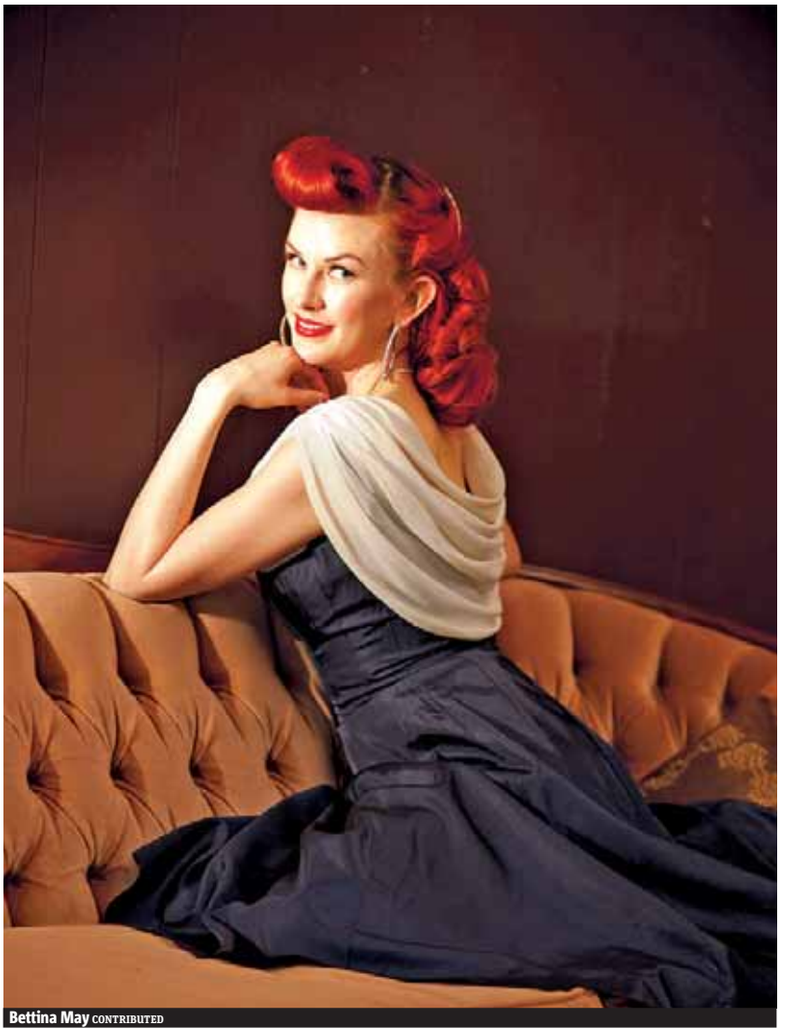

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## Freak accident. Rock hurled from truck blamed for death of Calgary mom

A Calgary woman has died in southeastern British Columbia in what appears to be a bizarre accident.

RCMP say the 37-year-old mother of two young children was vacationing with her family on Friday near Canal Flats, 80 kilometres north of Cranbrook.

RCMP Cpl. Tom Brannigan said the family was vacationing in Kimberley and driving north on Highway 93-95 when a large rock flew off the tire of a passing southbound truck.

The roughly 30-centimetre rock smashed through the windshield of the family's Subaru, hitting the unidentified woman in the head and killing her instantly.

Brannigan said the woman was a passenger in the car and that her kids, aged nine months and two years, were sitting in the back seat.

"It's like being hit by lightning," he said. "It's just a freak accident."

Investigators believe the rock may have been wedged between the tandem wheels of the southbound trailer.

Police have spoken to the driver of the big rig and are continuing an investigation, but say charges have not been laid. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Langley

### Man with knife attacks teen girl

Police are looking for a man suspected of attacking a 17-year-old girl as she was walking through a Langley park early Friday morning.

The teen said she was walking near Steele Park around 2:30 a.m. when a man came at her brandishing a knife. She fought him off and he ran away. She went to hospital for minor injuries.

The suspect is described as between five-foot-nine and five-foot-10, with a slender build, wearing all dark clothing and a dark mask or balaclava over his face. Mounties are looking for anyone who may have seen anything relating to the crime. KATE WEBB/METRO

Aldergrove

### Police seize 21 bricks of cocaine

Langley police seized 21 bricks of cocaine last Thursday after an anonymous caller reported seeing three hockey bags being thrown from an eastbound van, carrying three people, into a ditch in Aldergrove.

The 21 kilograms found inside two bags are worth an estimated $500,000. The third bag sighted was not found when police and their dogs arrived sometime after 7:30 a.m. RCMP have not been able to find the owner of the drugs, so there are no charges pending.

"This is a substantial seizure that we are happy to have off the streets," said Supt. Derek Cooke.

KATE WEBB/METRO

Fraser River

### Man admits to killing wife

A 36-year-old Burnaby man has pleaded guilty to killing his wife, whose body was found in a suitcase in the Fraser River last year.

The RCMP say Zhongming "James" Mou admitted to second-degree murder in the death of 27-year-old Yating "Lancy" Hu in B.C. Supreme Court in New Westminster Tuesday.

Mou was initially charged with first-degree murder. Hu's body was found in the Fraser River off Richmond in August of 2011. The couple had two young children, who are now in the care of their grandparents.

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# Supportive-housing facility gains community's respect

**Overcoming the odds.** RainCity building a rarity in a city where supportive housing faces a 'not in my backyard' mentality

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The world needs more barbecues.

If that were the case, there would be a lot less of a "not in my backyard" (NIMBY) attitude going around when it comes to putting Vancouver's homeless, mentally ill or drug addicted into supportive housing.

The irresistible whiff of sizzling meat on the grill turned out to be a major turning point for RainCity Housing and Support Society and its 30-bed facility for people with concurrent disorders (both mental illness and an addiction) at Fraser Street and 39th Avenue.

"The day the penny dropped, there was one of those community-advisory committee meetings going on and it just so happened we were having our one-year-anniversary barbecue," said Ash Healey, who is the building's supervisor. "All the tenants and staff were here, everyone had family and friends and kids over. It smelled excellent because it was a barbecue in the summer, so the meeting let out and we asked, 'Would you like a hamburger?'

"The people from the meeting just filtered in and had no idea who they were afraid of.

"I probably got asked five times what it's like living here and I was like 'I work here.' The same happened to tenants: People were asking them if they were scared to work here."

The site's program manager, Darlene Fiddler, also remembers the 2008 barbecue vividly.

"After that, there was a lot more settling down and people realizing that they don't need to be so freaked out and uptight about what the building is."

The building has gone from being one of the most controversial developments in Vancouver — it sparked a "not in anyone's backyard" campaign before opening in 2007 — to one where tenants are employed in the community, provide security at John Oliver Secondary School events and host community block parties.

"We still have people who were sitting in those meetings and they still come here, but now they ask if there's anyone available to help prune their trees," Healey said.

Despite their experience on Fraser Street, RainCity says NIMBYism persists throughout the region.

**Building supervisor Ash Healey says RainCity's supportive housing at Fraser Street and 39th Avenue has overcome initial NIMBYism and is now thriving in the community.** MATT KIELTYKA/METRO

The Greater Vancouver Regional Steering Committee on Homelessness learned as much last week when its public survey showed only 54 per cent of people in the Lower Mainland would accept supportive housing in their community.

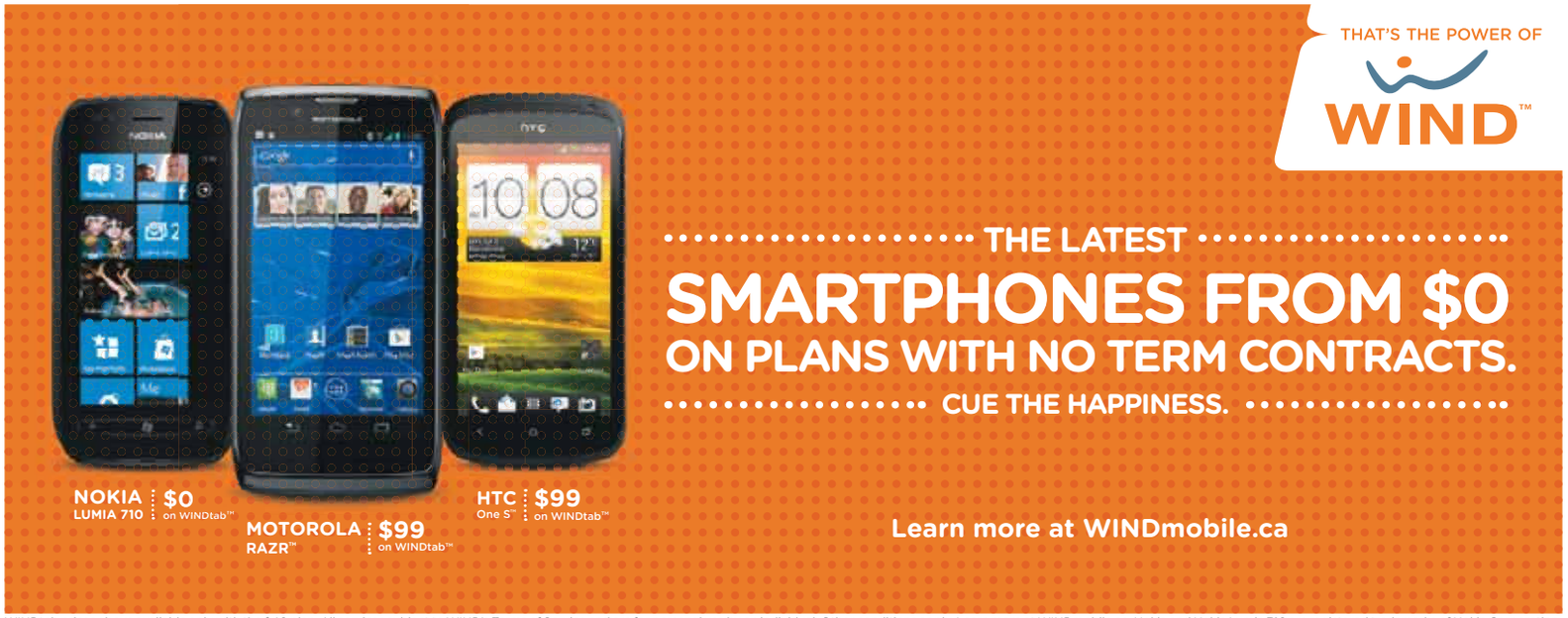
Committee co-chair Alice Sundberg said that public perception and "a fear of the unknown" remain a concern.

Success stories just haven't been enough to convince residents that a housing project won't bring chaos to their community.

"It calls for daily barbecues," said Healey, half-joking.

"The key is people meeting face-to-face," added Fiddler. "Until they actually come and meet the people that we're working with there will be that gap."

The public-survey results were released as part of Homelessness Action Week, from Oct. 7 to 13.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# Bowlers try to spare alley from being demolished

**Local development.** Residents oppose ripping down Varsity Ridge Bowl for condos

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Dozens of people marched down to city hall Tuesday to strike down a redevelopment plan that would put their favourite hangout in the gutter.

The bowlers met up outside Vancouver's Varsity Ridge Bowl on West 15th Avenue and made their way to city hall to oppose the demolition of the five-pin bowling alley to make way for a new condo development.

Celine Lange, 69, has been bowling at Varsity Ridge for 17 years.

The community fixture has been a place where Lange, her sons and granddaughter have spent many birthdays and other celebrations, she said.

"For me, it's recreation," Lange said. "It gets me out of the house, not only to come bowling but communicate and socialize with other people. And as you get older, we can't handle those 10-pin balls."

Max Riches, 10, said he's sad that he won't get to play his "favourite sport of all time" at the alley closest to his home and that has been a part of his family's tradition.

"It'll really take away a huge cultural landmark in our community," he said. "Anyone can bowl here."

Mel Lehan, one of the march organizers, said the city and the park board should talk to the developer to see if they can incorporate the bowling alley into the development.

"Can you imagine buying a condo and having a bowling alley in your basement and theatre on your main floor?" Lehan said.

A protester dressed in a bowling pin displays a sign opposing the demolition of Vancouver's Varsity Ridge Bowl for a new condo development. PHYLICIA TORREVILLAS/METRO

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# New complex helping city move toward ending homelessness

A $28.8-million supportive housing complex officially opened its doors in Vancouver Tuesday.

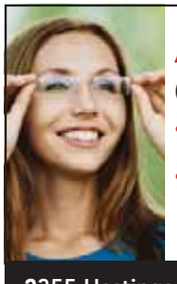
First Place, located at 188 East 1st Avenue, provides 129 apartments for people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.

The facility, managed and operated by Lookout Emergency Aid Society, is the sixth new supportive housing site to officially open under a partnership with the city and the province.

"We are excited to add First Place to the list of housing developments we manage and operate, bringing our years of experience and support to more individuals on the path of rebuilding their lives," Karen O'Shannacery, executive director of the Lookout Society, said in a statement.

"This is the end of homelessness for these new tenants," she added.

Mayor Gregor Robertson said this is another step towards the city's goal of ending street homelessness by 2015. PHYLICIA TORREVILLAS/METRO



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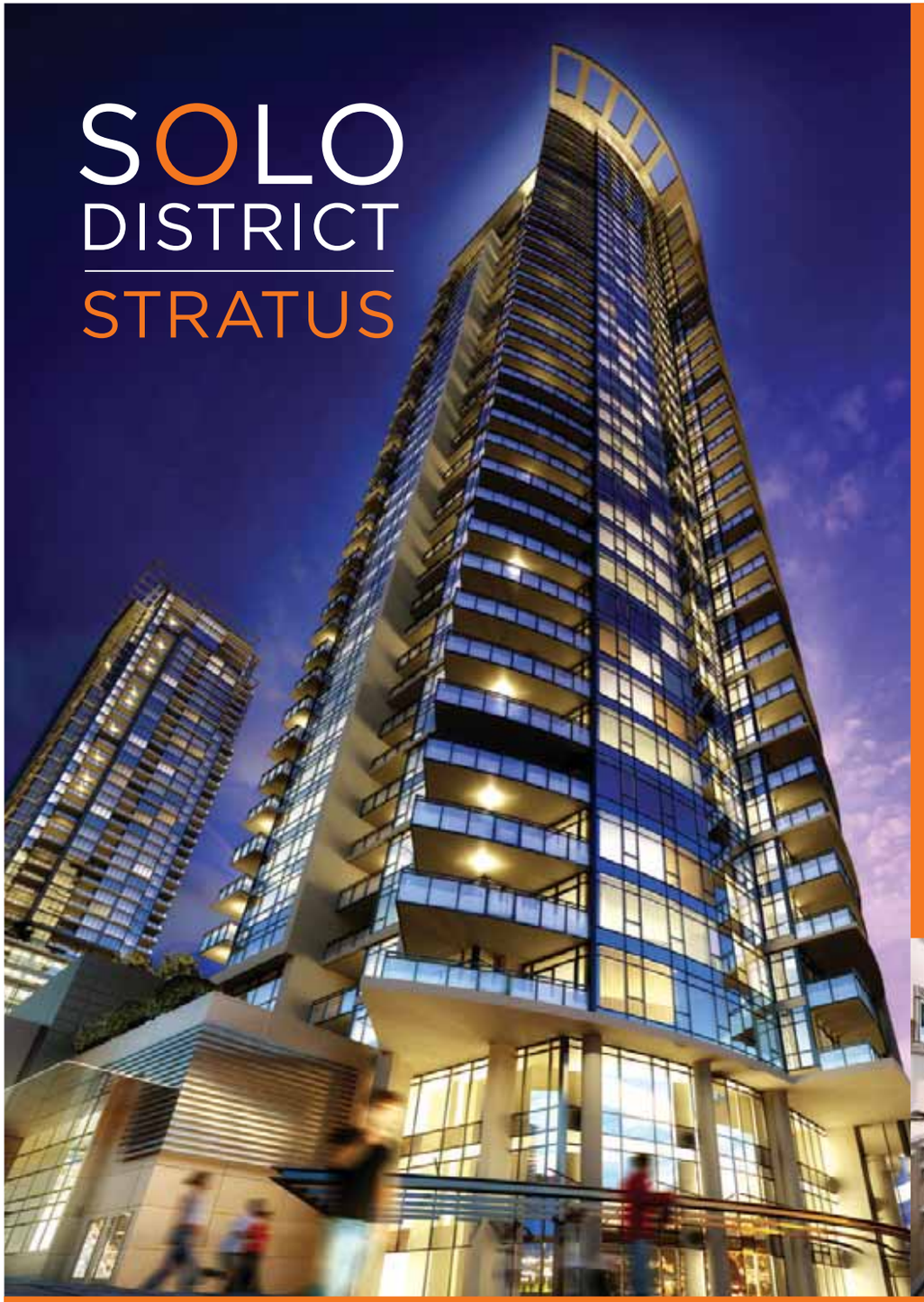

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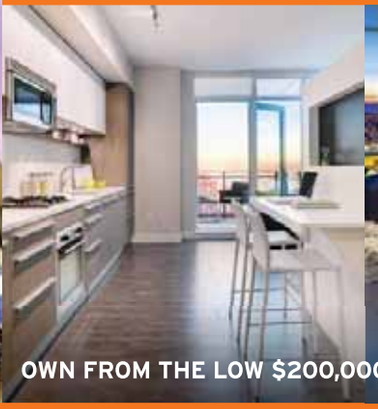

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# Pole dancers want stigma to come to a grinding halt

**It's called pole fitness now.** Canadian Pole Fitness Championships are not about being sexy — they're about gymnastics: Organizer

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Seventeen years ago she got her start in a strip club, but the organizer of this Saturday's Canadian Pole Fitness Championships in Vancouver says this event will be more like a night at Cirque du soleil than at Brandi's.

Tantra Fitness founder Tammy Morris, who is running the show, decided this year to change the name of the five-year-old event from Miss Pole Dance Canada in order to reflect the G-rated tone of the contest. Out of 36 competitors, only two have ever been exotic dancers.

"When someone hears pole dance, they automatically think stripping, and we're trying to educate people to show them that it actually is completely different," she said.

The event is 19-plus, but only because it is at the Edgewater Casino, Morris explained, and she estimated three-quarters of the audience will be women.

"The competitors have to wear less clothing because their skin has to stick to the pole ... but it's not sexy in the sense of grinding or anything you would see in an exotic environment. There's more of what you'd see in a gymnastics or circus-type setting."

The competition is divided into two parts. In the first half of the evening, doubles (synchronized pole fitness), masters (over 40) and amateurs will compete from 4 to 6:30 p.m.

The main event, featuring the semi-pro and pro events, starts at 7:30 p.m. That's when pole practitioners from nine regions across Canada plus three pre-qualifiers who spun their way to the podium last year will vie for a plane ticket to November's World Pole Dance Championships in Zurich.

"This sport is one of the fastest-growing sports in Canada right now," Morris said. "When my studio opened in 2004, it was very difficult to convince anybody to come to a class, and now it's just booming. These competitions are all over the world."

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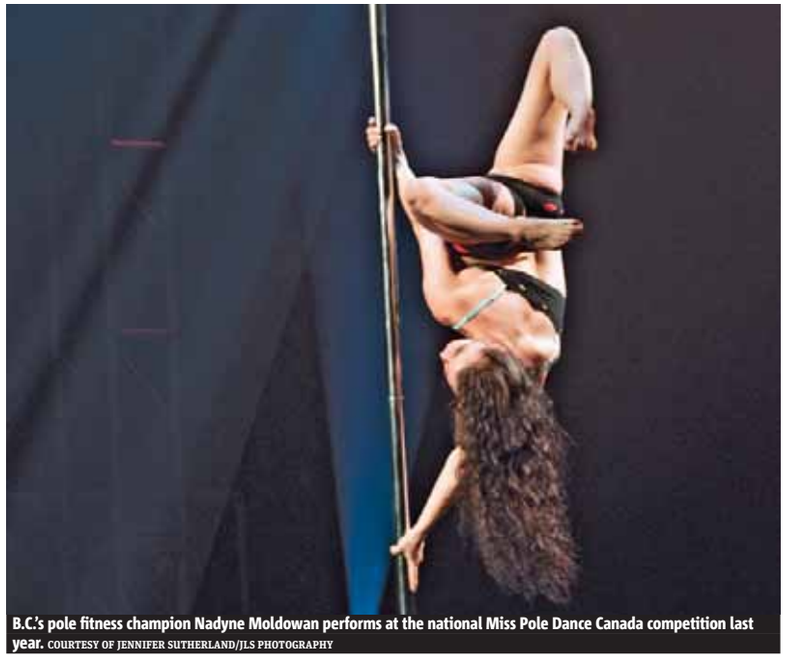

**B.C.'s pole fitness champion Nadyne Moldowan performs at the national Miss Pole Dance Canada competition last year.** COURTESY OF JENNIFER SUTHERLAND/JLS PHOTOGRAPHY

# Northern Gateway hearings return to B.C.

**Demonstrators stand outside the panel looking into the Northern Gateway Pipeline in Prince George.** JONATHAN HAYWARD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

A small group of protesters greeted the environmental-review panel weighing the proposed Northern Gateway pipeline Tuesday as the hearings returned to British Columbia where the pipeline proponent will face cross-examination about the plans.

Members of the local Carrier-Sekani First Nations and conservationists held signs telling Enbridge to go home.

The $6-billion project would carry diluted bitumen from the Alberta oilsands through northern B.C. to a tanker port in Kitimat for transport to markets in Asia.

The final hearings getting underway in Prince George will see company officials and interveners questioned under oath about environmental and socio-economic effects of the pipeline, safety standards and accident prevention and response.

Terry Teegee, vice-tribal chief for the Carrier-Sekani Tribal Council, said the protest is meant to send a message to Enbridge and to the panel.

"We don't want this project in our territories, or British Columbia or the coastal waters," Teegee said in an interview.

The tribal council is not participating in the panel process because Teegee said the panel does not have a mandate to examine aboriginal rights or the cumulative effects of a pipeline.

"I think where we see our fight is in the courts," Teegee said. "We're going to be seeing this potentially go to court if it is approved."

Melinda Worfolk was one of about 30 people who gathered midday in front of the community centre where the hearings are taking place this week.

"It would change the landscape drastically in this place that really has an amazing environment and wilderness and biodiversity. And once that's gone, no amount of money can make it up."

The B.C. government issued a news release Tuesday saying it has a list of questions for Enbridge officials.

They centre on the company's proposed land-based spill prevention, response and recovery strategies. That includes finding out about where equipment is available for cleanup and how the company plans to detect potential leaks. THE CANADIAN PRESS

**Police stats**

## Crime along transit system dropping

Crimes against people dropped a record 17 per cent along the region's public-transportation system in the first six months of 2012, according to Transit Police.

The police department released its second-quarter report Tuesday, citing the dropping crime rates and aggressive cost cutting as positives for the first half of the year.

Crimes against people — including theft, sexual assault and aggravated assault — were down 17 per cent while property crimes were also reduced by four per cent.

The 17 per cent reduction is the largest drop-off in crime Transit Police have seen since becoming operational in late 2005.

The force forwarded more than 500 reports to Crown counsel from January to June and arrested 530 wanted people along the transit system. Officers also conducted 1.9 million passenger fare inspections to September of this year. MATT KIELTYKA/METRO

**18 women**

## Tips flood in after Hwy. of Tears plea

The Mounties say they've gotten 250 tips since they made a new plea for information in the deaths and disappearances of 18 women in B.C.'s Northern Interior, some of them along the so-called Highway of Tears. The plea came after police revealed that Bobby Jack Fowler, who died in jail, was responsible for one of the murders and was a strong suspect in two others. THE CANADIAN PRESS

**Three operations**

## Boy shot in home

A shooting at a rural Yukon home has left a 10-year-old boy in serious condition. The RCMP say adults were drinking in the home Sunday night when a man fired a rifle, with the bullet grazing the boy's abdomen and striking his left arm. The boy was eventually transferred to BC Children's Hospital in Vancouver, where he's had at least three operations. The man who fired the rifle is a relative. THE CANADIAN PRESS

**Timber inventory**

## B.C. considers logging in old-growth areas to boost supply

The B.C. government says it will consider logging in some old-growth forests in an effort to boost the province's timber supply.

Forests Minister Steve Thomson says municipal governments around Burns Lake and Prince George approached the province with the idea, but old-growth logging won't be allowed unless it's approved by local communities, including First Nations.

A special government committee warned in August that B.C. is facing a major drop in timber supplies, partly because of the destruction left by the mountain pine beetle.

The government has now responded with a new strategy that includes possible logging in old-growth areas, as well as accelerated tree-planting and plans to conduct a better inventory of B.C. timber. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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# Child abuse. Mother awaits sentence for gluing toddler's hands to a wall

Prosecutors have wrapped up their case in the sentencing trial of a woman who admitted to beating her two-year-old daughter and gluing her hands to a wall.

Elizabeth Escalona faces up to life in prison after pleading guilty in July to attacking daughter Jocelyn Cedillo last September. Police say the 23-year-old mother attacked the toddler due to toilet training problems.

Before resting their case Tuesday, prosecutors questioned three police officers about previous encounters with Escalona.

A doctor testified Monday that Jocelyn was hospitalized for about one week with injuries that included bleeding on her brain, a fractured rib and severe bruises.

A state district judge will decide Escalona's punishment. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Elizabeth Escalona, 23, waits in a Dallas courtroom on Monday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Guns blazing. One injured as Russian shells explode on their way to disposal

A series of blasts from exploding shells rocked a Russian military test site on Tuesday, breaking windows and releasing giant clouds of smoke over the city of Orenburg near the Kazakhstan border.

The emergency services said one military officer was hospitalized, but no other injuries were reported.

Military prosecutor Yevgeny Ivanov said on state television that the explosions were set off by a fire that may have been caused by someone smoking. The shells were being transported in crates in preparation for future disposal.

More than 4,000 tons of ammunition exploded, the Vesti television report said.

Military officials have opened a criminal investigation into the suspected mishandling of weapons at the Donguz test site, located about 40 kilometres from Orenburg.

Only two weeks ago, the head of a group carrying out the munitions disposal at Donguz was killed, Vesti reported.

Russian military equipment, which frequently dates back to the Soviet era, has exploded unexpectedly several times at test sites in recent years. Some of the accidents have been blamed on violations of safety procedures. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Mid-air collision

## Pilots to be retried for roles in deadly crash

Two American pilots of a business jet will be retried for their role in a 2006 airline crash that killed 154 people in Brazil, the federal prosecutor's office said Tuesday.

Joseph Lepore and Jan Paladino allegedly flew at the wrong altitude and failed to turn on the aircraft's anti-collision system, crashing into another plane and killing all on board. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Family ties

## Mafia links lead to dissolution of Italian city council

The Italian government has dissolved the administration of the mafia-plagued southern city of Reggio Calabria after a city councillor was arrested on mafia charges.

Calabria is home to the powerful 'ndrangheta organized crime syndicate.

Three commissioners will run the city for 18 months until elections. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Roman Polanski, seen here at the 65th Cannes Film Festival, is a major player in a new book by Samantha Geimer, right, pictured arriving at the premiere of the documentary Roman Polanski: Wanted and Desired. LEFT: JOEL RYAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS; RIGHT: PETER KRAMER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Woman hopes memoir will help her escape Polanski's shadow

**New insights.** Samantha Geimer penning tell-all book about famous case and her life afterward

Reclaiming her identity

**"I have been dogged by tired thinking and easy tags nearly my entire life. I am not a stick figure. I know what it is like to be a woman and a victim in the realest possible way."**

**Samantha Geimer,** in a release by her publisher, Atria Books

The former teen whom Roman Polanski was convicted of having sex with — leading to one of Hollywood's most notorious scandals and the director's flight from the U.S. — is writing a memoir.

Samantha Geimer, now 47, has a deal with Atria Books for The Girl: Emerging from the Shadow of Roman Polanski. Atria, a Simon & Schuster imprint, announced Tuesday that the book will come out next fall. According to Atria, Geimer will provide "insight into many dimensions of the story that have never previously been revealed."

"I am more than 'Sex Victim Girl,' a tag the media pinned on me," Geimer, who long ago identified herself as Polanski's victim, said in a statement released through Atria. "My friends in junior high, scolded by their parents to stay away from that girl, also labeled me. I offer my story now without rage, but with purpose — to share a tale that in its detail will reclaim my identity."

Geimer's attorney, Lawrence Silver, will contribute to the book, adding "his insights on the many fascinating and even shocking legal aspects of the story."

Polanski was accused of plying Geimer with champagne and part of a Quaalude during a 1977 modeling shoot at Jack Nicholson's house and raping her. He was initially indicted on six felony counts, including rape by use of drugs, child molesting and sodomy, but pleaded guilty to one count of unlawful sexual intercourse.

In exchange, a Los Angeles judge agreed to drop the remaining charges and sentence him to prison for a 90-day psychiatric evaluation. An evaluator released him after 42 days, but the judge threatened further sanctions and Polanski fled the United States.

Geimer sued Polanski in December 1988, alleging sexual assault, intentional infliction of emotional distress and seduction. In 1993, Polanski agreed to pay her $500,000 to settle the lawsuit, although years later it was unclear if he actually paid. She has said that she forgives him and has joined his bid for dismissal. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Nude student wasn't armed when shot: Cops

Gil Collar THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A nude University of South Alabama freshman had taken LSD and assaulted others before he chased the campus police officer who fatally shot him, authorities said Tuesday — though the student wasn't armed.

Mobile County Sheriff Sam Cochran said at a news conference that 18-year-old Gil Collar took the drug during a music festival Saturday before assaulting two people in vehicles and attempting to bite a woman's arm.

Authorities said Collar then went to campus police headquarters, where he was shot by university police officer Trevis Austin. Austin is on leave while investigators review the case.

Surveillance video showed Collar nude and covered in sweat as he pursued the retreating officer more than 50 feet outside the building.

While campus police typically carry pepper spray and a baton, Cochran said Austin was armed only with a gun.

Investigators are trying to determine who provided Collar with LSD and could charge that person with murder. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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# Supersonic. Ill winds blow, so skydiver puts off 37-kilometre free fall

Extreme athlete Felix Baumgartner cancelled his planned death-defying 37-kilometre free fall Tuesday because of high winds.

It was the second time this week he has been forced to postpone his quest to be the first supersonic skydiver.

The former military parachutist from Austria had planned to ride a pressurized capsule carried aloft by a 55-storey, ultra-thin helium balloon into the stratosphere, and then jump in a specially designed suit.

Because the balloon is so delicate, it can only take flight if winds are 3.2 km/h or below. The team said he has a second balloon and intends to try again, possibly on Thursday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**Tempting tragedy**

**What are the risks? One is called "boiling blood."**

- **Lethal.** Any contact with the capsule when he jumps into space can tear his pressurized suit. The extreme cold can then cause lethal bubbles to form in his blood and bodily fluids.

**Don't panic: Official**

## The 'brain-eating amoeba' kills 10

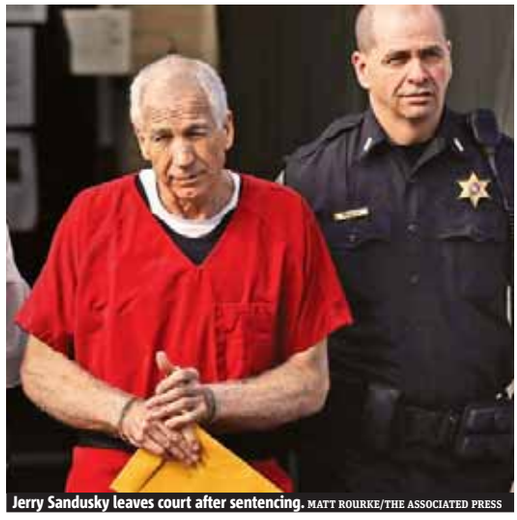
A waterborne parasite commonly known as "brain-eating amoeba" has killed 10 people in Pakistan, an official says.

The amoeba lives in warm, unclean water and can infect the human nervous system, though this is rare. In those cases it can lead to death in a week.

Musa Khan, in charge of the WHO's Disease Early Warning System in Pakistan, said the deaths were reported in Karachi. He said people get the disease by swimming in dirty water or cleaning their nostrils with contaminated water. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Sex predator Sandusky will end his days in jail

**A 30- to 60-year term.** U.S. judge calls him dangerous and says he betrayed children and abused their trust



Jerry Sandusky leaves court after sentencing. MATT ROURKE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Reviled ex-football icon Jerry Sandusky was sentenced Tuesday to at least 30 years in prison — effectively a life sentence.

But he was defiant to the end in the child sexual-abuse scandal that brought shame to Penn State.

"In my heart I know I did not do these … disgusting acts," he told a Pennsylvania court.

He also gave a rambling statement in which he talked about his life in prison and the pain of being away from his family.

"I've forgiven, I've been forgiven," he said.

"I've comforted others, I've been comforted. I've been kissed by dogs, I've been bit by dogs.

"I've conformed, I've also been different. I've been me. I've been loved, I've been hated."

Three victims spoke, often fighting back tears. One looked Sandusky in the eyes at times. Two of the men exchanged a long embrace after court was adjourned.

The 68-year-old former Penn State assistant coach was found guilty in June of 45 counts of child sexual abuse, convicted of molesting 10 boys over a 15-year period. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**Impact in Canada**

**The Jerry Sandusky case has sent ripples of revulsion into Canada.**

- **The James scandal.** Two of former junior hockey coach Graham James's sexual-abuse victims say they would like Canada to follow the U.S. in handing out harsh sentences to sexual predators.
- **Fleury.** Former Calgary Flames forward Theo Fleury says it's important to send a message that child sexual abuse is not taken lightly. He blames the federal government for a lack of leadership.
- **Kennedy.** Sheldon Kennedy would like tougher sentences as well. But he says longer jail terms are not the only answer. Canada, he says, is on the right track by educating the public.

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# Singer debuts as first female Afghan rapper

**Making history.**
23-year-old sings about repression of women, hopes for peaceful Afghanistan

Rapper Sosan Firooz sings in a studio in Kabul, Afghanistan. The 23-year-old singer is making history in her homeland where society frowns on women who take the stage. AHMAD JAMSHID/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

"Listen to my story! Listen to my pain and suffering!" Afghanistan's first female rapper Sosan Firooz pleads into her microphone.

With her first rap song, the outspoken 23-year-old singer is making history in her homeland where society frowns on women who take the stage. She is already shunned by some of her relatives.

But for Firooz, the best way to express herself is through rap, a musical genre that is just starting to generate a following in Afghanistan.

She sings about repression of women, her hopes for a peaceful Afghanistan and the misery she says she experienced as a small child living in neighbouring Iran.

Her family fled there during the Afghan civil war of the 1990s and the hardline Taliban regime's rise to power in 1996. During her five-year stay, she said the Iranians looked with disdain on Afghan refugees.

So far, the song titled Our Neighbors has only been released on YouTube, with a video that shows a series of pictures of Firooz posing in hip-hop style gear, with jeans, dangling chains and bracelets. In some, she wears a bandana with skulls, but her long hair flows freely, with no headscarf — a rarity among Afghan women, including the few female singers.

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'Excessively punitive'

## UN targets feds' justice reforms

The federal government's tough-on-crime agenda is "excessively punitive" for youth and a step backwards for Canada's child-rights record, says a United Nations group.

The committee says Canada's Youth Criminal Justice Act complied with international standards until changes were introduced earlier this year.

The Harper government's Bill C-10, which includes stiffer penalties for youth and makes it easier to try them as adults, no longer conforms to the child-rights convention.

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## Tainted beef. XL Foods says safety problems fixed at Alberta plant

The owners of the Alberta plant involved in the massive recall of beef products says it has fixed all the problems that forced food-safety officials to shut it down.

Inspectors from the Canadian Food Inspection Agency were in Brooks, Alta., Tuesday for a pre-inspection of the facility that processes more than one-third of Canada's beef.

Brian Nilsson, CEO of XL Foods Inc., says it has completed all the corrective actions the agency requested since it was closed on Sept. 27 due to problems including the management of E. coli risk, maintenance and sanitation.

In a release, he also says the company deeply regrets the illnesses caused by the eating of beef products.

The number of illnesses linked to beef from the plant stands at 11 people from four provinces.

Agriculture Minister Gerry Ritz says the pre-inspection is only the first of a multi-stage process XL Foods must go through before it will be allowed to resume operating and no date has been set for it to reopen.

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## Trade tensions. Rivalry with China reflected in U.S. election

Eager to expand in the United States, China's biggest technology companies face an America anxious about threats to jobs and national security.

The latest blow: A U.S. report that says telecom equipment makers Huawei Technologies Inc. and ZTE Corp. are potential security threats that Americans should avoid doing business with.

The report, coming amid an American presidential race in which trade tensions with Beijing are a prominent issue, highlights conflicting U.S. sentiments toward China, an important trading partner but a potential strategic rival. U.S. companies see China as both a crucial growth market and a source of competition and industrial spying.

"A lot of people in America are worried about a diminishing role in the world and China being the prime beneficiary and potentially one day moving into that top slot," said Charles Maynard, senior managing director of Business Development Asia, which advises companies on acquisitions. Legislators are "playing to a lot of voters at home who are very concerned about that issue," he said.

China's government rejected the report, which was issued by the House Intelligence Committee, as false and an effort to block Chinese companies from the U.S. market. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**Quoted**

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Charles Maynard, senior managing director of Business Development Asia

**Entrepreneurship**

### Boomers set on startups: Poll

A new survey from TD Canada Trust suggests baby boomers have one more career move in them before they retire — they want to run their own business first. The survey found 54 per cent of boomers polled have or are considering starting a firm, whether it's consulting, buying into a franchise or operating a specialty firm. THE CANADIAN PRESS

**BB10 deliveries**

### RIM shares fall on analyst's report

Research In Motion shares are down 5.5 per cent after an analyst said the next generation of BlackBerrys won't hit shelves until March. Jeffries and Co. analyst Peter Misek told business TV channel BNN that timing would delay any potential licensing deals. Some observers had anticipated a January or February release. THE CANADIAN PRESS

**Market Minute**

**DOLLAR** 102.19¢ (+0.03¢)

**TSX** 12,273.57 (-145.42)

**OIL** $92.39 US (+$3.06)

**GOLD** $1,765 US (-$10.70)

**Natural gas:** $3.47 (+6.4¢)
**Dow Jones:** 13,473.53 (-110.12)

# IMF forecasts weaker growth for world economy

Japanese Minister for Reconstruction Tasuo Hirano speaks during the opening of the Sendai Dialogue, a special event on managing disaster risk that is being held in Sendai, Japan, ahead of the annual meetings of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank Group. KOJI SASAHARA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Sluggishness spreads.

Quarterly update sees malaise expanding to more dynamic emerging economies

Plagued by uncertainty and fresh setbacks, the world economy has weakened further and will grow more slowly over the next year, the International Monetary Fund says in its latest forecast.

Advanced economies are risking recession while the economic malaise is spreading to more dynamic emerging economies such as China, the international lending organization says in a quarterly update of its World Economic Outlook.

The IMF forecasts that the world economy will expand 3.3 per cent this year, down from its estimate of 3.5 per cent growth issued in July. Its forecast for growth in 2013 is 3.6 per cent, down from 3.9 per cent three months ago and 4.1 per cent in April.

For the United States, the IMF raised its growth forecast slightly, to 2.2 per cent this year from two per cent in July. For 2013, though, it expects U.S. growth of 2.1 per cent, down from 2.3 per cent.

The IMF said growth in Canada has been constrained by the sluggish U.S. economy.

"Domestic demand — both business investment and private consumption — has been supported by exceptionally favourable financing conditions, including low interest rates and credit availability," the IMF said.

"These factors, along with the commodity boom, have also boosted the housing sector, especially in provinces with strong mining activity."

However, the IMF warned about the amount of borrowing in Canada. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**Canadian outlook**

- The IMF projected growth in Canada this year of 1.9 per cent, improving slightly to two per cent in 2013.
- That compared with the July forecast that saw growth at 2.1 per cent for 2012 and 2.2 per cent for 2013.

## UN says projection of one billion hungry people was off

The United Nations now says its 2009 headline-grabbing announcement that one billion people in the world were hungry was off-target and that the number is actually more like 870 million.

The UN Food and Agriculture Organization blamed flawed methodology and poor data for the bum projection, and said it now uses a much more accurate set of parameters and statistics to calculate its annual estimate of the world's hungry.

FAO issued its 2012 state of food insecurity report on Tuesday, and its core point was to set the record straight about the number of the world's undernourished people, applying the more accurate data retroactively back to 1990.

And the good news, FAO said, is that the number of hungry people has actually been declining steadily over the past two decades, although progress has slowed since the 2007-08 food crises and the global economic downturn.

To be sure, 870 million hungry people is still far too many hungry people, said the heads of the three UN food agencies in a forward to the report. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Schoolchildren receive a free midday meal at a government school in Jammu, India, on Tuesday. The UN has revised its startling 2009 announcement that one billion people in the world were hungry. CHANNI ANAND/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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# IT'S A GOURD THING THERE'S PUMPKIN PIE

JUST SAYIN'
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Who says we're not making progress?

My first journalistic assignment, back in 1812, was to head out to the pumpkin patch and interview some farmer who was trying to grow the world's largest pumpkin.

It was some pumpkin, all right. About 900 pounds. That's a lot of pie.

He was getting ready to haul it to the World's Largest Pumpkin Olympics, or something like that. Sadly, he was defeated by his arch rival who managed to coax an extra few pounds out of his giant gourd.

Since then, the record has been eclipsed annually, and this year, the world-record pumpkin passed the magic one-ton barrier (imperial measurement, please; these guys are traditionalists), as the pride and joy of Rhode Island, farmer Ron Wallace, weighed in at 2,009 pounds.

That's more than twice as much pie.

While pumpkin pundits debate the upper limit and wonder if there is one, it's time to stand back and ask the obvious question: Who cares?

Well, this is not a question you ask around the HQ of the World Pumpkin Confederation or the Yugoslav Gourd Lovers Society, and certainly not at the 1100 Club, populated exclusively by guys who have broken the 1,100-pound barrier.

Frankly, only its grower could love a giant pumpkin. After all, it just sits there, spilling over the scale like Jabba the Hut. It bears no resemblance to those satisfying symmetrical squashes that you cluster across your doorstep. Those are grown by interior designers with bow ties. Hipster pumpkins.

No, growing a one-ton pumpkin is horticultural brute force. You can literally watch them getting larger: 40-50 pounds a day during peak growing season. It takes up to 160 days to grow one of these babies, so you have to start them indoors. And in the fall, when the threat of early frost increases, you'll spend your nights in the patch with your great pumpkin, trying to prevent a pumpkin freezie. Like Linus from Peanuts.

Everything has to be just so: soil, fertilizer, water, disease and pest control, not to mention the correct amount of shade and sunlight.

Of course, Ron Wallace, who also grew the world's biggest in 2006 (a 1,502-pounder), keeps his technique top-secret, which leads you to wonder if Ron's growing his pumpkins around a giant lead weight.

There's more at stake here than mere bragging rights around the Hot Stove League. Wallace has wrested the world title away from Canadians Jim and Kelsey Bryson from Ormstown, Que., who grew an 1,818.5-pounder in 2011.

For one brief shining moment, Canada and giant pumpkins were synonymous.

And, if we adjust the pH balance and the calcium content, 2013 pounds in 2013 is in our grasp! Be like Linus and believe. And keep your fork, because whatever else happens, there will be pie.

Ron Wallace, of Rhode Island, celebrates after tipping the scales with his 2,009-pound record-breaking pumpkin during the New England Giant Pumpkin Weigh-Off at the Topsfield Fair in Topsfield, Mass., Friday, Sept. 28.
PAUL BILODEAU/THE EAGLE-TRIBUNE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Lunch — 100 million years ago

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**A stone's throw away**

## Ancient spider attack fossil found

Scientists have discovered an amazing prehistoric fossil of a spider about to devour a wasp caught in its web.

The preserved event took place in the Hukawng Valley of Myanmar in the Early Cretaceous period between 97-110 million years ago, a time when almost certainly dinosaurs were roaming nearby, scientists say.

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**Expert's viewpoint**

**"This was the wasp's worst nightmare. The wasp was watching the spider just as it was about to be attacked, when tree resin flowed over and captured both of them."**

George Poinar Jr.
Oregon State University entomologist

**Amber fossilizes**

## How tree resin captures the past

The tree resin that forms amber is renowned for its ability to flow over flora and fauna, preserving them in near perfection before it later transforms into a semi-precious stone.

At least 15 unbroken strands of spider silk run through the amber piece, and on some of these the wasp was trapped. This is the first fossil ever discovered of a spider attack, scientists note.

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**Long, long ago**

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**million years ago is the approximate time when this spider-wasp encounter occurred. Spiders are ancient invertebrates that researchers believe date back some 200 million years, but the oldest fossil evidence ever found of a spider web is only about 130 million years old. A report about the discovery by Poinar and his team appears in the October edition of journal Historical Biology.**

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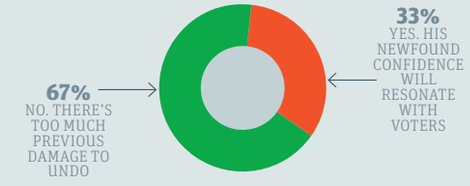
## Do you think U.S. presidential contender Mitt Romney will see a first-debate bump?

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**@SunnyLenarduzzi:** Wrote a goal a year ago to attend the next @TEDxVancouver! Got my ticket this morning! So excited!! #Vancouver #TEDxVan2012

**@ashleighmcivor:** Thank you for all the twitter love! It fills my heart with joy to see everyone who cares about us so excited about our engagement! #love

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Who made the best bond?

"I think it's got to be Connery ... because as soon as I was of that age, he was really starting as well. And I just identify Connery with that role. It's always been a great piece of escapism."

Bryan Cranston, star of Breaking Bad.

"I think Casino Royale was really excellent, and I think Daniel is a brilliant Bond, wonderful. A Bond for now, in our world. He's wonderful."

Ralph Fiennes, star of the new Bond flick Skyfall.

More online

- Visit metronews.ca for more James Bond coverage, including a look at the newest film, Skyfall.

# The top 12 Bond girls

There's 56 Bond girls out there (give or take), and we've ranked the sexiest. Sexist? Hey, so are the films.

METRO WORLD NEWS

## 1. Honey Ryder

Ursula Andress, Dr. No

The Swiss miss set the standard for all future Bond girls: she wore a bikini and carried a knife.

## 2. Pussy Galore

Honor Blackman, Goldfinger

We concur with Bond, who says, when told her name, "I must be dreaming."

## 3. Xenia Onatopp

Famke Janssen, GoldenEye

She crushes an old man during sex. She hijacks a helicopter. She puts the fatal in femme fatale.

## 4. MayDay

Grace Jones, A View to a Kill

Bond was an equal opportunity ladies man, and wasn't scared off by the statuesque Jones.

## 5. Mary Goodnight

Britt Ekland, The Man with the Golden Gun

The Swedish bombshell became famous for being with two men: Bond, and her husband, Peter Sellers.

## 6. Helga Brandt

Karin Dor, You Only Live Twice

She ties Bond down to a chair, and threatens him with some makeshift plastic surgery, holding a knife. Then she kisses him. Deeply. Many times.

## 7. Solitaire

Jane Seymour, Live and Let Die

The first psychic Bond girl? Surely that's worth something.

## 8. Jinx

Halle Berry, Die Another Day

An Oscar-winning Bond girl: Was that a first? Nope. See number 12.

## 9. Vesper Lynd

Eva Green, Casino Royale

A modern-day love interest for modern times. Her back-and-forth with Bond on a train has more sparks than any bedroom scene.

## 10. Magda

Kristina Wayborn, Octopussy

She has an octopus tattoo in a film called Octopussy. How could we not include her?

## 11. Anya Amasova

Barbara Bach, The Spy Who Loved Me

This New Yorker called Bond a "chauvinist pig who uses girls to shield him against bullets."

## 12. Domino Petachi

Kim Basinger. Never Say Never Again

She's not the only Bond girl to have an Oscar but she is the blondest.

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Jennifer Aniston

# Aniston showing off giant gem on ring finger

Jennifer Aniston is set to marry fiancé Justin Theroux — and she's got the massive engagement ring to prove it.

During a recent afternoon out with Theroux in Santa Fe, N.M. — where Aniston is filming We're the Millers — the actress showed off a giant gem on her ring finger, according to Us Weekly. But while the ring may be plenty flashy, don't expect the wedding itself to be, as sources say Aniston is planning a "destination wedding" with close friends, "kind of like eloping with a few friends. There will be the feeling of a vacation, since that's their favourite thing to do."

# METRO DISH

OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

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## *Led Zeppelin refuse to answer reunion questions*

THE WORD
Dorothy Robinson
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Don't ask Led Zeppelin if they're getting the band back together.

Numerous reporters tried yesterday at a press conference promoting the release of their concert film, Celebration Day, but the British rock gods dodged and weaved. "We've been thinking about all sorts of things. But we can't remember what we were thinking about," quipped lead singer Robert Plant. John Paul Jones, Jimmy Page and John Bonham's son, Jason Bonham, who played drums on the band's one-off 2007 tribute concert for friend and Atlantic Records founder Ahmet Ertegun, were equally mute on the subject (actually, Bonham never commented one way or another on the topic; he just seemed stoked to be there).

"At this time five years ago we were rehearsing to get to the O2. If you think about the time it gets something like that to get together, it seems unlikely," said Page. He continued: "We were so happy we were getting it right and taking it beyond what we thought we were about that night. To do that four nights a week is a different thing entirely."

But they never said never.

So there is still hope for all you Zepp fans out there. And if you do either catch them live or see the film, keep an eye open for the band's facial expressions. "We used to call ourselves 'The Band of Nods' because if you missed a cue you would nod — that had nothing to do with opiates," said Plant. "And now, we've turned into 'The Band of Middle Aged Grins.'"

# Gaga following in Bieber's footsteps

Justin Bieber isn't the only pop star with a weak stomach, apparently, as Lady Gaga found herself vomiting three times onstage while performing Edge of Glory during a tour stop in Barcelona recently. Gaga pressed on with the show after the episode and later made light of it, posting a link to a fan's YouTube video of the mishap and tweeting, "Was praying nobody saw but actually it's quite a good laugh if you need one!"

Lady Gaga

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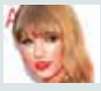

**@taylorswift13**
I feel like I'd be more understood if people knew 'I Don't Want to Miss a Thing' by Aerosmith is how most of my emotions sound in my head.

**@wossy**
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# Drink wine in upstate N.Y.

The Finger Lakes region is a lesser-known haven for grape lovers

NOLAN GAWRON
Metro World News

In the Finger Lakes region of upstate New York, there's a growing excitement — literally. Grapes! Wine grapes, to be more specific. The sloping hillsides, lake breezes and a steady summer sun have always provided the picturesque Finger Lakes region with a healthy grape-growing climate. But until recently, the land was primarily used to grow local Concord grapes that were sold to juice companies.

In recent years, younger generations have taken over the family farms and begun experimenting with wine grape varietals. While the yield can be more profitable, the arduous and artistic process is all the more intensive and comes with a higher risk factor. But with continued growth and a respected product that has gained praise and earned prizes all over the world, the shift seems to be working. Now with 109 wineries, the Finger Lakes have helped make New York the third largest wine producer in America.

Even though the area is known for its Cabernet francs, chardonnays, pinot noirs and ice wines, it's riesling that reigns supreme. With a climate similar to its German origins, the varietal has found a second home here. Ranging from dry to sweet, each vineyard in the area produces at least one style of Riesling — some make several — and many have won worldwide Gold Medal honours.

Soak up the wine and the scenery in the Finger Lakes region. ALLEN MCGREGOR/FLICKR

## Camaraderie over competition

With a wine trail marked by road signs, vineyard tours and tasting rooms, tourism in the Finger Lakes is increasing. And with several wineries adding inns and high-end restaurants to their properties, many are calling the Finger Lakes the next Napa Valley. Vineyard owners in the area, however, are quick to point out a monumental difference — a unified sense of community. Here it's camaraderie, not competition, since in this region the vineyard owner is often the farmer, the marketer, the salesman and sometimes even the deliveryman. "If someone needs a forklift, we let them borrow ours," says Ted Marks, proprietor of Atwater Vineyards. "And they would do the same for us. People come from all over the world to work here and can't believe that we want to help each other succeed. We do what we do well. And we do it without pretension."

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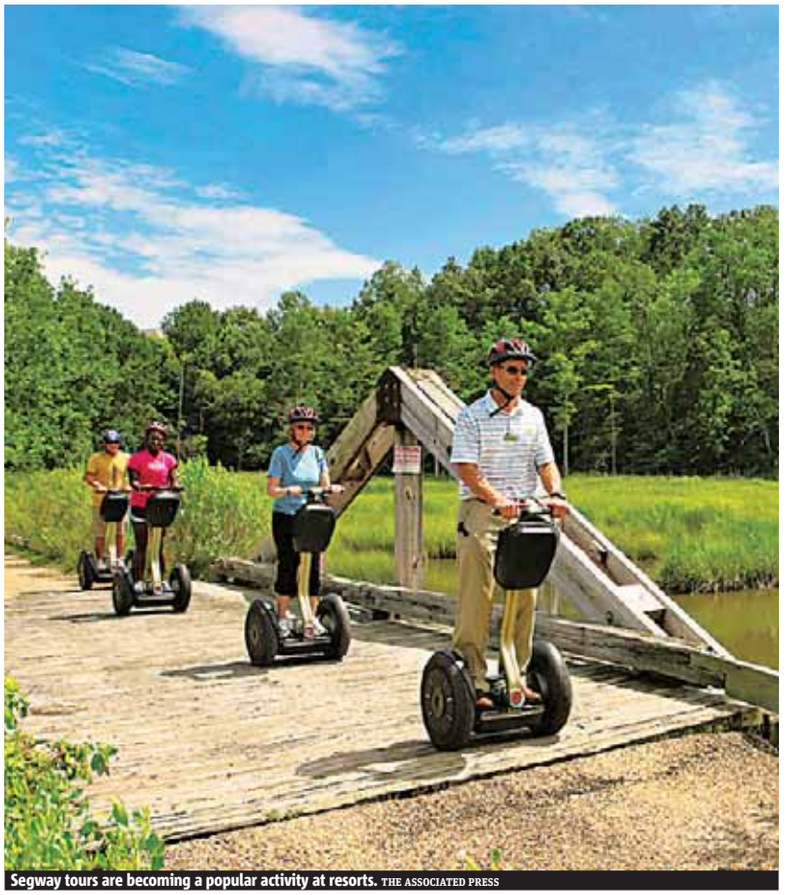

Segway tours are becoming a popular activity at resorts. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# The perfect getaway: Golf, spa treatments ... and Segway tours?

**Travel trend.** The often-mocked vehicle of choice for mall cops has found an unlikely surge in popularity at vacation spots

Some couples celebrate their anniversary with a horse-drawn carriage ride. Others rent a romantic cabin in the woods. A few even jet off to Las Vegas and renew their vows in front of Elvis.

Lori Kelly and her husband Gene recently marked their second anniversary by touring the woods of the Omni Bedford Springs Resort & Spa in Bedford, Penn. on a Segway.

"It was absolutely fantastic. It is really the ultimately unique experience especially for people my age," said Kelly, 59. Her husband is 64. "It gives you the flavour of adventure with very little threat of injury."

The Segway, first introduced a decade ago as an alternative mode of personal transportation, is getting a new life at a growing number of resorts around the world. For those not familiar with the two-wheeled electric vehicle, it works like this: Lean forward to move forward. Lean backward to go in reverse. Move the handlebars, and it turns left or right.

The device never quite took off as an everyday way to get around, but it has found a niche replacing city walking tours and helping security guards patrol local shopping malls. And now hotels with sprawling grounds are finding the Segway to be a great way to show guests around their properties. Plus, the devices are still quirky enough to be an attraction in their own right.

"You don't need any special skills to navigate around on it," said Kelly, the executive director of the American Red Cross in West Virginia.

She and her husband travelled in mid-September from their home in Shepherdstown, W.Va. to Pennsylvania resort for a two-night getaway. They shopped, sat by the hotel's fire pits, played horseshoes and had a romantic anniversary dinner.

But what really made the trip unique was the 90-minute, off-road Segway tour for $90.

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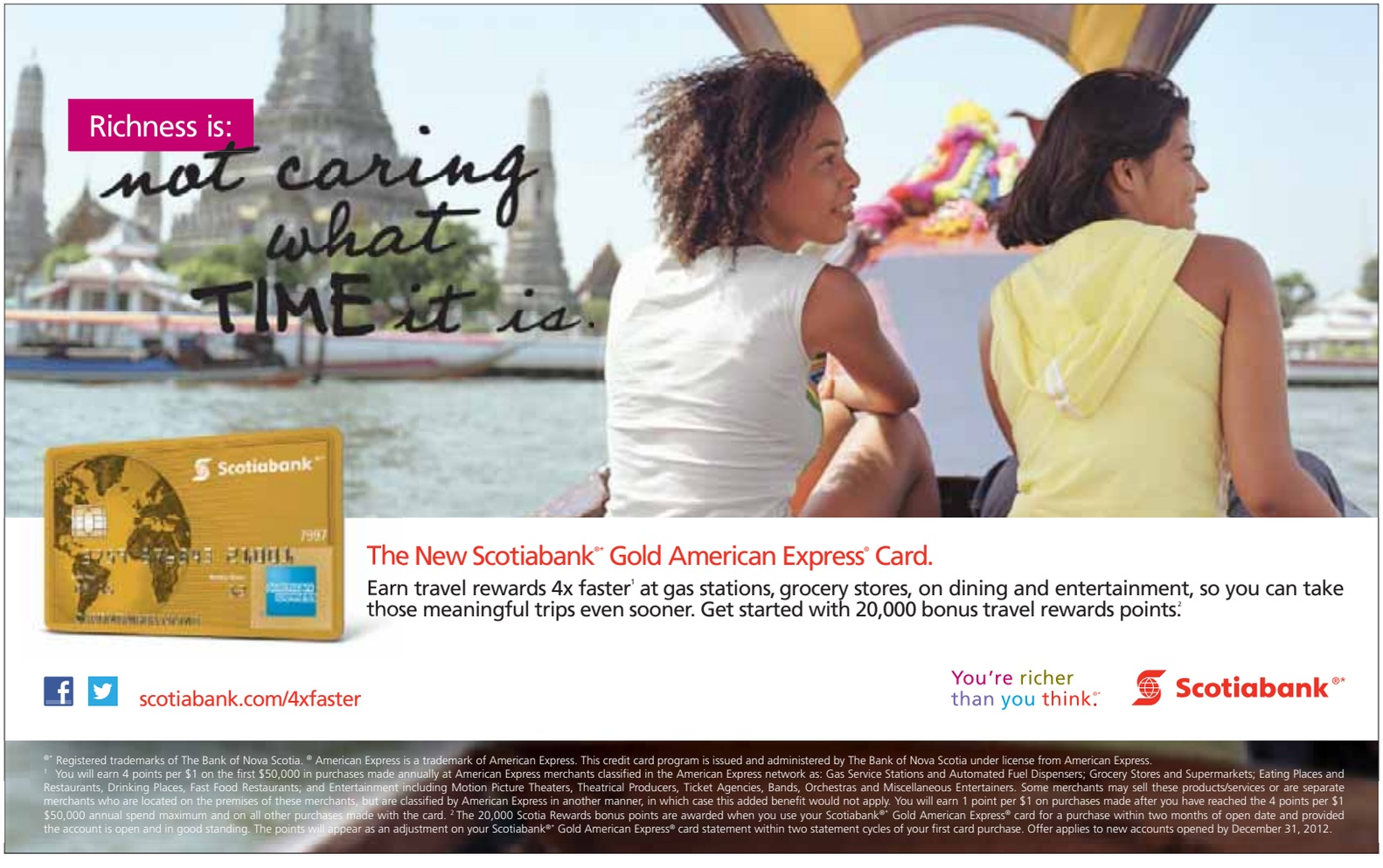
**What's in a Segway tour?**

- **Cost.** Prices generally range from $60 to $125 per person.
- **Requirements.** Several resorts have minimum age requirements and only allow guests between a certain weight, generally 100 to 260 pounds.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# Eat healthy, delight your tastebuds — it's possible

Whole Grain Spaghetti with Spicy Lamb Sauce

This recipe serves four. NEWS CANADA

Eating a balanced diet is one of the most important factors in achieving a healthy lifestyle. Fortunately, being health-conscious doesn't mean you have to give up the dishes you love.

Canadian chef Stefano Faita is a firm believer in healthy eating, and often relies on his Italian roots for recipe inspiration.

"There is a ton of healthy whole grain pasta options out in the market," he says.

Here he pairs whole grain spaghetti with spicy lamb sauce.

**1.** In a large skillet over medium heat, heat olive oil. Add the garlic, rosemary and red pepper flakes, sautéing until garlic turns slightly yellow. Add ground lamb; cook until well browned.

**2.** Stir in wine and cook for about 1 minute. Add tomatoes with juice and 3/4 cup (175 ml) water; season with salt. Simmer until liquid has evaporated and sauce is thickened. Cover and keep hot.

**3.** Meanwhile, cook spaghetti according to package directions. Drain; toss with sauce.

**4.** Stir in butter and cheese before serving.

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**Ingredients**

- 50 ml (1/4 cup) extra virgin olive oil
- 2 cloves garlic, chopped
- 1 sprig rosemary, finely chopped
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) red pepper flakes (or to taste)
- 300 g (10 oz) ground lamb
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) white wine
- 1 can (540 ml/ 19 oz) diced tomatoes
- Salt, to taste
- 1 box (375 g) Barilla whole grain spaghetti
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) butter
- 175 ml (3/4 cup) grated Pecorino Romano cheese

## Mushroom Fettuccine. Use different pestos in quick and tasty supper

Instead of basil pesto, try using sun-dried tomato, cilantro or mint pesto for variety in this quick and easy supper dish.

**1.** Cook the dry fettuccine according to package directions.

**2.** Meanwhile, in a large skillet, heat oil over medium heat. Sauté sliced mushrooms and chopped red onions for 4 to 5 minutes or until lightly browned. Reduce heat and stir in garlic, pesto and salt; heat just until warm.

**3.** Add drained hot pasta and toss to coat well; taste and add a little more salt if not garnishing with Parmesan. Serve hot or at room temperature. Garnish with cheese, if desired, and pine nuts.

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**Ingredients**

- 375 g (12 oz) dry fettuccine, cooked and drained
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) olive oil
- 500 g (1 lb) sliced fresh mushrooms
- 250 ml (1 cup) chopped red onion
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) prepared basil pesto sauce
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) salt
- Grated Parmesan cheese (optional)
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) toasted pine nuts or chopped walnuts

# Drilling your way to a dream job

**It's a gas.** An expert spills secrets on an exciting and changing industry

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Technology. Sustainability. Mobility. Those are the top three reasons now is a really exciting time for students and recent grads to start careers in the oil and gas industry, according to Cheryl Knight, executive director and CEO of Petroleum Human Resources Council of Canada.

Knight knows the industry better than most, so we asked her what she thinks the most exciting things about the petroleum sector are right now.

### Technology

"I think what I find most interesting is how much of a role technology is playing in creating changes in the industry," she says. "Changes including how the work is done, how the production of oil and gas happens, and what the jobs are. We are seeing that technology and being technology proficient is really an important part of the industry."

She cites the development of Alberta's oil sands as an example: In past, operations in the oil sands were primarily mining — large shovels would dump the oil sand into trucks to be taken to be crushed and processed into oil. This method is slow and inefficient, and can only extract oil sand up to 75 metres below ground.

Today, more than 80 per cent of oil sands development uses in-situ drilling — a thermal technology known as steam assisted gravity drainage (SAGD). The high-tech SAGD process allows petroleum producers to access reserves that are much deeper in the earth and recover a higher percentage of the oil contained in the sand.

"The reason [the oil sands] is growing so big is because of the technology," Knight says.

Another example is the use of directional drilling and hydraulic fracturing.

"It enables the industry to use one very expensive, highly technologically-advanced rig and rig pad, reducing the surface impact," she says. "You have one rig that spends a lot of time drilling in a variety of directions while it stays in the same place. The rig doesn't move."

Green on the scene: The gas and oil industry is hiring more environmental experts than ever before. ISTOCK

All of this high-tech equipment requires specialized technicians, technologists and skilled tradespeople to build, operate and maintain it, creating many new jobs for people with the most up-to-date education and technical skills.

### Sustainability

No, sustainability is not a four-letter word in oil and gas. In fact, says Knight, environmental sustainability has woven itself into every single job in the industry.

"I don't go anywhere or to any meeting where people in the industry aren't aware of the footprint on the land — they're concerned about things like carbon emissions and water consumption," she says. "It's part of our industry — the environment is part of oil and gas."

As interest in environmental sustainability within the petroleum sector grows, so does the demand for people who are qualified to help oil and gas companies monitor, manage and improve their impact on the environment.

"These sorts of things are really opening up a variety of career opportunities," Knight says.

**Experience that expands**

**"A person isn't pigeonholing themselves by joining the oil and gas industry. On the contrary — the skills will transfer quite well to the natural resource sector as well as government, communications and stakeholder relations organizations."**
Cheryl Knight

The discussion around sustainability and the environment also creates a greater need for regulatory, stakeholder relations and communications professionals as oil and gas producers and industry associations work and communicate with regulators, local and Aboriginal communities, and the media.

### Mobility

While the oil and gas sector is probably going to be where it's at for the foreseeable future — there are more than 500,000 people employed directly and indirectly in the oil and gas industry now, and it is estimated that the oil sands alone will support 905,000 jobs by 2035 — starting your career in the industry doesn't mean you're stuck in it (or your first job or location) forever.

"A person isn't pigeonholing themselves by joining the oil and gas industry," Knight says. "On the contrary — the skills will transfer quite well to the natural resource sector as well as government, communications and stakeholder relations organizations."

Plus, since you will have the opportunity to work with so many different people and organizations in your oil and gas job, you'll develop a strong professional network across a wide variety of locations and sectors that could really take you places.

"It's a really great industry; it provides a real combination of field work and office work, and I think that's appealing to a lot of people," she adds. "

Many companies operate in multiple countries and they're looking for people who want to travel the world while they're working."

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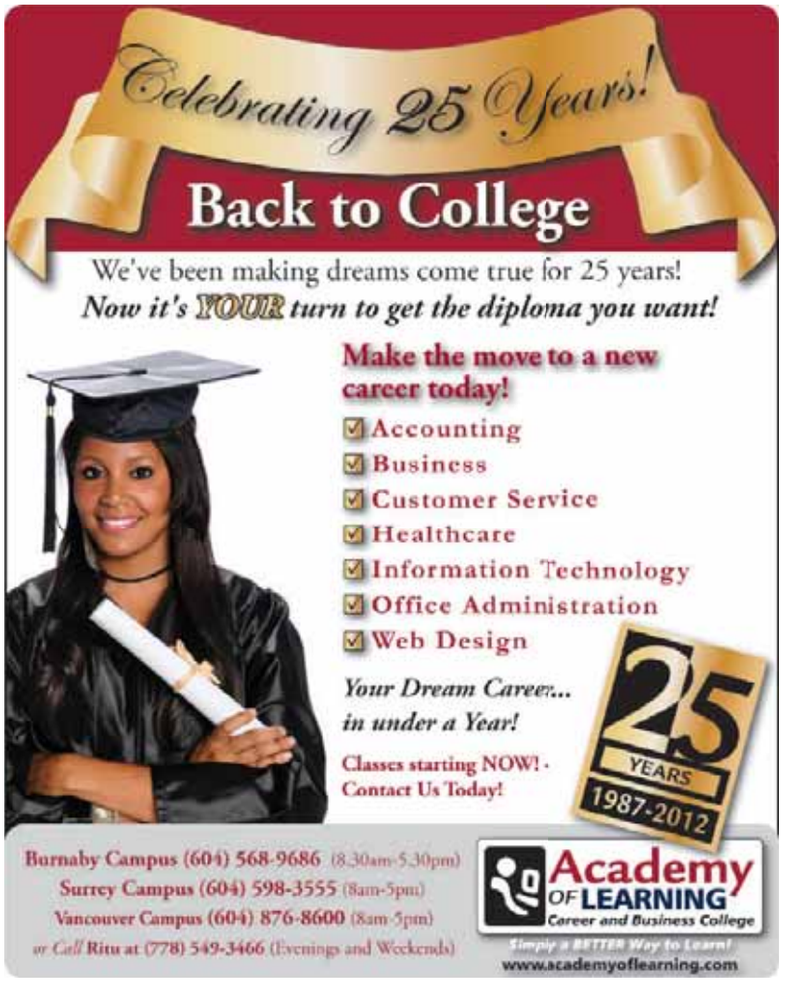
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# A career that has a nice rig to it

**Oil and gas industry.** Longing for a lasting and lucrative role? Look down.

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The oil and gas industry may be one of the only fields where less previous experience works in your favour. ISTOCK

The oil and gas industry is a growing one that plans to hire thousands over the next four years as workers retire and the industry continues to expand, particularly in the oil sands.

More than three quarters of oil and gas companies say they plan to hire to support industry growth, which means there are plenty of job opportunities for students and recent grads with lots of room for advancement.

While recent graduates don't have enough experience to become drilling supervisors, there are many entry level positions in the other occupations.

Let's take a look at some of these in-demand occupations

### Petroleum engineers

Did you know that entry-level engineers are particularly in demand in the petroleum industry because companies prefer to teach you on the job rather than retraining engineers from other industries? That's right. So the fact that you don't know it all yet is actually a huge plus for new engineers!

Petroleum engineers have a natural curiosity about and a knack for figuring out how things work. Critical thinking, the ability to creatively problem solve, clear communication skills and the ability to manage yourself are all qualities that will put you to the top of employers' lists.

These engineers typically specialize in either oil and gas drilling, reservoir management or production:

• Reservoir engineer

Reservoir engineers identify oil and gas reserves and develop strategies to maximize recovery, conducting simulation studies in order to do this. The plans they work on may include field developments, enhanced oil recovery techniques and revised well placements.

• Production engineer

Production engineers analyze, develop and optimize the performance of individual wells, and design connections between the reservoir and the well. They evaluate the effectiveness of methods that increase the flow of water, gas and oil, and develop surface equipment systems to separate those substances. Most production engineers perform work indoors and journey to the field sites for specific troubleshooting operations.

• Drilling engineer

These engineers plan, design and implement drilling methods for all types of wells. They ensure drilling is done in the safest and most economical way possible.

### Geologists and geophysicists

Geoscientists are the industry's Earth whisperers — they find, study and eventually help develop mineral, geothermal, and oil and gas deposits. While some of their time is spent in the field, the majority of the work that geologists and geophysicists do happens in an office or laboratory, where they analyze samples and use computer models.

According to the Petroleum HR Council, geology and geophysics graduates have the option of working for exploration and production companies that find and extract oil and gas resources, or geophysical services firms which help petroleum companies locate oil and gas reserves through seismic imaging.

### Skilled trades

As the industry has become more reliant on advanced, specialized technologies, skilled tradespeople, such as millwrights, machinists, steam-ticketed operators or power engineers, have kind of become like the glue that keeps everything. They are the ones who actually construct, maintain, operate and repair all of the equipment, machinery and facilities in use at oil and gas operations. Without them, engineers and geoscientists wouldn't be able to do their jobs.

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**According to the Petroleum Human Resources Council of Canada, the most in-demand occupations in the oil and gas industry include:**

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Student Voice

## *Motivate yourself to make a mark*

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The Bachelor of Commerce (Co-op) program at Memorial University of Newfoundland requires that students must complete three work terms or internships at specified times during the five-year program. Memorial offers a database of jobs available to students, but for the most part they cater to either Accounting or Human Resource students that hope to stay within the province for work. I, however, am a marketing student with dreams to leave Newfoundland and work in the marketing industry in a more urban environment.

This led me to scour the internet as well as contact many of the connections I have made in the industry both in and out of the province. From there, I applied to many companies, from large corporations to small businesses. Cover letters and resumés were seemingly ineffective, especially via the Internet with no ability to meet face-to-face.

This led me to spend an entire day filming myself on my laptop making a somewhat quirky but still informative video about my skills and passion for marketing in the hopes of standing out among thousands of applicants to a large, well known corporation. I got an interview! This was a huge accomplishment and, although I did not get the job, it was the confirmation I needed that I had at least some of what it took to survive in this industry.

After that I had a friend who had some graphic art skills create a resumé that would be delivered in a unique format to help stand out among the crowd. Sadly, no interview.

Finally I was contacted by a huge marketing agency that seemed really interested but only did unpaid internships. I almost packed up and moved halfway across the country for an unpaid position, but after the intervention of my grandmother I decided I would contact them as a new grad.

Eventually I ended up with a position here in the province that I really like but still have my eyes set on a bigger city with bigger opportunities.

**What I'm doing now**
I graduate in April 2013 and will begin my job hunt soon! I'm starting to brainstorm some creative ideas so that I can get myself out in the industry and be recognized.

**My recommendations**
As much as I would like to say that I did not receive as much help or guidance as I wanted from employers, career centres and schools, it is really up to me to ensure I am portraying myself in a way that makes employers need to meet with me. Having a degree is not enough anymore — contributing in any way you can to the field you hope to end up in is crucial. I have found that making connections is also a key factor in getting jobs whether it be a recommendation or someone to help mentor you.

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- Assistant project geoscientist: $83,010
- Project geoscientist: $100,094

**Sources: ASET Salary Survey Report 2012, APEGA Value of Professional Services 2012**

Salaries range widely according to level of experience, designations received, educational background and the level of responsibility required by the position, but one thing they have in common is that they are typically well above average when you compare them to similar roles in other industries.

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# PET LOGIC

## NINE IMPORTANT CONSIDERATIONS TO PONDER BEFORE YOU DECIDE TO ADOPT A PET

"When you get a pet, it's like you are inviting a new member into your family," says Michael Sullivan, executive director, Humane Society of Canada. Here are nine important considerations before your family makes the commitment.

**1 COST.** According to Sullivan, a cat or dog costs on average $1,500 per year (for the initial spay or neuter, vaccinations, food and other health costs). Exotic pets may be inexpensive but their ongoing needs will add up, too.

**2 LIFE SPAN.** Be aware that a cat can live up to 20 years, explains Dr. Jean Gauvin, a small animal practitioner in Lachine, Que., and vice-president of the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association, while a small dog can live about 12 years, a parrot more than 30, a rabbit 12, and a hamster may live four years.

**3 SCHEDULE.** Dogs, especially puppies, require a lot of your time for training and daily walks. Cats are easier because they don't need training outside of litter training. Most exotic pets (gerbils, reptiles, fish, and birds) will need daily care.

**4 LIFESTYLE.** If you are active, an active dog breed makes sense. But what will you do if you are someone who travels a lot? Gauvin says for shorter jaunts, a cat and exotic animal may be easier to leave or have looked after.

**5 FUR.** If someone in the family is allergic, consider a poodle or other non-shedding dog, says Gauvin. Or consider a lizard or snake.

**6 SPACE.** A small dog or cat might be best suited for a condominium or apartment while a Great Dane might better suit a home in the country. Exotic pet cages and aquariums will need a dedicated place in your home, too.

### GETTING YOUR PET

If you don't purchase a full bred animal from a reputable breeder, adopt an animal from a shelter, rescue group, humane society or local pound.

**7 FOOD.** Sixty per cent of what you spend on a dog will be for food. Consider that a rabbit needs fresh vegetables while a cat is happy with canned food. Some exotic pets need special food — snakes eat mice while lizards love crickets.

**8 EXPERIENCE.** If this is your first pet, do your research, says Sullivan. Some dog breeds are easier to manage than others. For example, border collies need to be kept busy while a Shih Tzu doesn't. Cats are more self sufficient, says Sullivan. Most birds need time out of their cages.

**9 AGE.** If you get a puppy or kitten, you will have more work to do in the first year. A young adult dog or cat is less work — and you are saving an animal life.

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Hockey

## Hasek's hope for NHL return fading

Dominik Hasek appears to be done with hockey after giving up hope of another return to the NHL.

The 47-year-old goalie resumed training ahead of this season hoping to get picked up by an NHL club, but told Czech daily Sport on Tuesday that it is "very unlikely" he would play again after no team offered him a contract amid the current lockout.

Hasek was twice named the NHL's MVP, and took home the Vezina Trophy six times. He announced his retirement in 2002 after winning his first Stanley Cup with the Detroit Red Wings, but came back and then retired from the NHL again in 2008.

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Dominik Hasek speaks on Sept. 5 in Pardubice, Czech Republic. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Tennis

## Raonic opens strong in Shanghai

Canada's Milos Raonic reached the second round of the Shanghai Masters, beating Australian qualifier Marinko Matosevic 7-6 (4), 6-3 on Tuesday.

The 12th seed from Thornhill, Ont., fired 14 aces past Matosevic and won the match in one hour 28 minutes. Raonic will face former Grand Slam finalist Marcos Baghdatis of Cyprus in the second round.

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# Cap in hand: Salary structure in jeopardy?

**NHL lockout.** Fehr says extended lockout could cause NHLPA to reassess playing under salary cap

Donald Fehr expressed some hope that collective bargaining talks this week will help lead to some resolution.

But he also made it clear in an hour-long meeting with the Torstar News Service editorial board that the longer the NHL lockout lasts, the less happy the players will be playing under a salary cap.

"If this goes on for an extended period of time, I don't know what they (the players) are going to do. But I think it's safe to say, they would be exploring all options," said Fehr.

He added the players can live with a salary cap if an agreement can be reached quickly.

"Where the players are, they want to make a deal," Fehr said. "Even though the owners' proposal went as far away from the players as they could, the players did not respond in kind. They made a proposal which moved in the owners' direction. If there can be an agreement in a relatively short term, which puts the pieces back together and gets the season going, I think the players can live with that."

Fehr fell short of calling for the salary cap to be scrapped outright — something that would put the NHL and the players further apart. But it was a reminder to commissioner Gary Bettman and the owners — on the eve of new talks with the league on non-core economic issues — that things can get ugly in a hurry.

"I hope we can continue to make some progress on what we call the non-core economic issues and I hope we can have discussions that can spark a new round of significant talks on the core economic issues," said Fehr.

NHL deputy commissioner Bill Daly said the league has heard the association's threats related to the salary cap before.

"Ultimately, it's their call," Daly said in an email to Torstar News Service. "Hopefully, we all want a quicker resolution to this negotiation than a longer one. How the PA ultimately decides to deal with that issue will be very telling."

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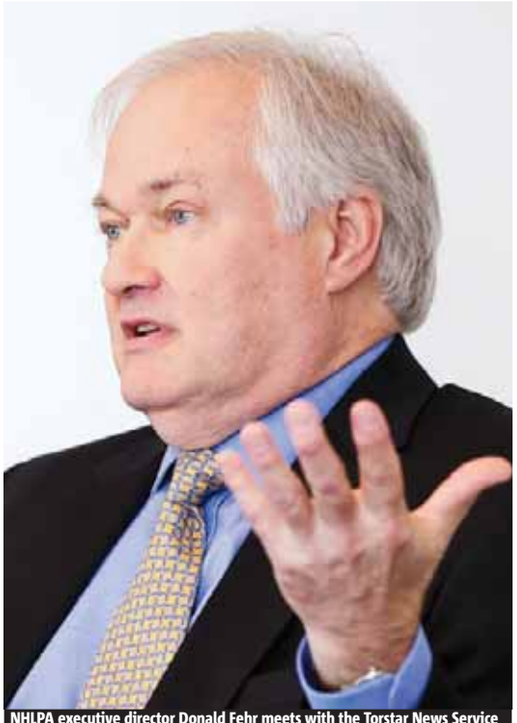

NHLPA executive director Donald Fehr meets with the Torstar News Service editorial board on Tuesday. ANDREW FRANCIS WALLACE/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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**"In basketball (the NBA locked out its players last season) they played 75, 80 per cent of the season starting as late as Christmas. I do hope we start many weeks before Christmas."**

**NHLPA executive director Donald Fehr on Tuesday.** Fehr declined to predict when he thought the NHL season might begin.

Dates to watch

### Oct. 19
Potential date of the next round of game cancellations.

### Nov. 10
Hall of Fame Game weekend, first big weekend for league on a national scale.

### Nov. 23
Black Friday on U.S. Thanksgiving weekend — also the date NBC was to kick off its TV broadcast schedule; a very important date for the NHL.

### Dec. 7
Another round of cancellations? Pretty well the latest hold-out date before cancelling the Winter Classic.

### Dec. 21
If two more weeks are scrapped here, start thinking about the integrity of season.

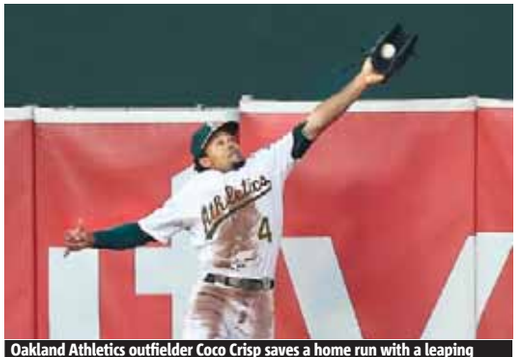
### Jan. 1
Winter Classic — Toronto vs. Detroit at Ann Arbor, Mich.

### Jan. 11
Date the 1994-95 lockout ended, salvaging a 48-game season.

### Jan. 18
Be very pessimistic about the season, if there's another round of cancellations.

### Feb. 16
Date the 2004-05 season was cancelled.

# A's avoid sweep by silencing Tigers' bats



Oakland Athletics outfielder Coco Crisp saves a home run with a leaping catch against the Detroit Tigers in Oakland on Tuesday. EZRA SHAW/GETTY IMAGES

These Oakland Athletics never count themselves out — down and doubted is their dogma.

Brett Anderson outduelled fellow post-season first-timer Anibal Sanchez and the upstart A's were stellar on defence all over the diamond, avoiding another playoff sweep by Detroit by beating the Tigers 2-0 Tuesday night in their AL division series.

The A's cut their deficit in the best-of-five matchup to 2-1.

Coco Crisp saved a likely home run by Prince Fielder with a leaping catch at the top of the centre-field wall in the second — and the A's will play another day in this improbable season full of remarkable rallies.

Yoenis Cespedes hit an RBI single in the first inning and Seth Smith homered later. That was plenty on a night Triple Crown winner Miguel Cabrera, Fielder and the Tigers' high-priced offence were shut down by the low-budget A's.

Tigers 16-game winner Max Scherzer will try to close out the series in Game 4 Wednesday night against A's rookie A.J. Griffin. Detroit swept the A's in the 2006 AL championship series.

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Giants stave off elimination

Hardly able to get a hit, the San Francisco Giants used a misplayed grounder to prolong their NL playoff series.

Third baseman Scott Rolen's two-out error in the 10th inning gave the Giants the go-ahead run Tuesday night in a 2-1 victory over the Cincinnati Reds, who couldn't shake 17 years of home post-season futility.

The Giants avoided a sweep in Game 3, cutting their deficit to 2-1.

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## Styling and shape

The new Pathfinder, which arrives this fall, has been on a serious diet, shedding about 110 kilograms over the outgoing model. This meant converting to a unitized (frameless) platform that's shared with Nissan's Infiniti JX luxury wagon.

The V6 is teamed with a continuously variable transmission (CVT).

## Drive options

Nissan's 4x4 option is worth it for anyone living or working in snow-belt regions where being stranded in -30 C conditions is just not an option. The All-Mode 4x4-i system allows you to select either two- or four-wheel-drive, or engage the Auto setting and let the All-Mode make the call, depending on tire slippage.

## Comfort

Passenger comfort was apparently paramount with Nissan's designers, who created a third-row reclining seat and a second row with 13 centimetres of fore and after travel. The split-second bench also features an "EX Flex" portion that slides forward for easier third-row access.

**Review.** Yes, the idea of a front-wheel-drive Pathfinder will take getting used to, but when did you last go off road anyway?

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It was a category full of off-roaders that buyers just couldn't get enough of. The seemingly unstoppable Ford Explorer. The go-anywhere Nissan Pathfinder. It's amazing how things change in five or six years. In simple terms, the Explorer and Pathfinder are no longer truck-based, off-road-capable sport utility vehicles.

Like the Explorer, Nissan's seven-passenger bus has emerged from its chrysalis as a family wagon able to conquer nasty road and weather conditions. The Tennessee-built wagon had remained virtually untouched since the 2005 model year. A robust body-on-frame chassis made it ideal for boulder-bashing, creek-fording activities.

The new sheet metal manages a passing resemblance to the outgoing rig as far as the grille is concerned. But from there the quaintly boxy body-of-old, with its muscular fender flares, has given way to gentle curves and rounded edges.

The Pathfinder S is expected to come with the usual accessories, including tri-zone climate control and 14 cup/bottle holders. The SV adds roof rails and a rearview monitor while leather-covered seats, remote engine start and a power liftgate are SL highlights. From there, the sky's the limit on the options front, with features such as an up-level sound system.

The reborn Pathfinder might have been stripped of its traditional sport bravado, but it will certainly add new friends with an easy-on-gas powertrain, easy-to-take creature comforts and easy-on-the-eyes design.

The Pathfinder dash is very Nissan-y, blocky and simple. In this day and age, it's weird not see silver plastic all over the place.

What the Pathfinder loses in extreme off-road ruggedness it gets back in technology, but it's pretty much the norm when in the company of vehicles such as the Ford Explorer.

## Compare

1 Mazda CX-9
Base price: $38,000

2 GMC Acadia
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3 Ford Explorer
Base price: $31,500

# Peugeot's concept gem is much more than four-wheel eye candy

**Onyx.** The slick car's looks may hold your attention but under its shiny exterior lies many admirable, greener features

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The Peugeot Onyx allows its looks to do the talking but there is much more to this car than just aesthetics. CONTRIBUTED

Sugarcoating gets a bad wrap. A coat of sweety goodness over something unsweet? What's wrong with that?

If it weren't for Honey Nut Cheerios a lot of us would be woefully deficient in essential substances, like Riboflavin, Thiamine and sodium. There is a type of sugar coating in the automotive world too and it is just as tasty — the concept car.

Automakers need to constantly develop technologies, some exciting, some boring, some in the middle. When it comes time to let the world and their stakeholders know about the fruits of their labours, automakers help their cause by almost always incorporating the various technologies into a sexy concept form, then unveiling that vehicle at a major auto show with a photogenic human accompanying it on stage.

The alternative would be to present a technical paper about the technologies at an industry symposium, the kind filled with large name badges, stale "urn" coffee and break-out sessions. Guess which communication method gets the most attention? A case in point is the Peugeot Onyx, the concept that stole the spotlight at the recent 2012 Paris auto show.

Peugeot could have just told us about the technological areas they're currently working on, like… making vehicles look like they've been handcrafted by metalwork artisans… gaining lightness through carbon fibre… developing sporty and fuel-efficient diesel engines… capturing and re-deploying a car's kinetic energy… And trying to build vehicles with more recyclable materials.

All that sounds good, but the Peugeot Onyx looks even better. The doors and front fenders are fashioned from pure copper, by hand, by a master craftsman. Being copper, the metal's appearance will change over time. The rest of the body panels are carbon fibre, painted black. The carbon fibre chassis features less individual parts than normal. This "monolithic" design furthers both stiffness and lightness; it tips the scales just over 100 kg (220 pounds).

Mounted mid-ship is Peugeot Sport's 3.7-litre diesel V8, a version of which sees duty in the automaker's Le Mans racers. It transmits 600 hp to the rear wheels via a six-speed sequential gearbox. The Hybrid4 technology recovers kinetic energy usually lost during braking, by storing it in lithium batteries, then automatically delivering it during acceleration, adding a further 80 horses.

The main material in the interior is wool felt. This felt is formed as a one-piece pod — we're talking bucket seats, floor, upper console, and roof! The pod is fitted against the carbon fibre structure, and even does double-duty as soundproofing material. In places where it contacts the body, there is extra foam.

The dashboard and part of the console are constructed of old newspapers compressed under great pressure to form "logs." Apparently the logs seem to have a "grain" to them, and on closer inspection you can see that those grains. The Peugeot Onyx is eye candy, yes, but like a lot of automotive concepts it is healthy eye candy — the kind with real fibre, protein, and nutrients.

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# The sea holds the key to revamp the car industry

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The common belief is that something won't last very long unless it's created in a lab. That might always be the case, but the source material for such parts is quite literally in a liquid state.

Cars with bodies and parts made from seaweed and powered by biofuel derived from algae and saltwater could be the wave of the future if a couple of companies have anything to say about it.

Toyota has an ultralight, super-efficient plug-in hybrid vehicle featuring a bioplastic body made from seaweed. According to the company, it could be available inside of 15 years.

Automakers are looking for ways to increase the amount of plastic parts in cars as a means to reduce weight and production emissions. Today, steel is still thought to be the best material to crank out cars, but the use of plastic is quickly gaining ground.

Even luxury automakers such as BMW and Mercedes-Benz use more plastic in their vehicles than ever before ... and that trend looks like it's continuing. Demand for bioplastics is expected to hit $100 billion within a couple of years, according to a 2009 USA Today story.

One snag, however, is that most plastics today still trace their roots to petroleum. Conventional petroleum-based plastic products don't do much to alleviate North America's dependence on oil, not to mention the associated economic, environmental and geo-political problems that come along for the ride.

That's some of the thinking behind Toyota's green vision for the future and the 1/X Concept, so named because its "carbon footprint" is claimed to be a fraction of that of other cars.

While not totally new - the 1/X Concept made its public debut at the 2007 Tokyo Motor Show — this "environmentally considerate" hybrid is an interesting spinoff on the original concept.

About the same general size as Toyota's current Prius gas-electric hybrid, the revised 1/X still combines a home-rechargeable lithium-ion battery pack with a 0.5-litre flexible-fuel engine in a drive system that's about 25 per cent of the Prius's powertrain.

A very strong carbon fiber-reinforced plastic (CFRP) frame contributes to the car's light 926-pound curb weight, less than one-third of the Prius.

But the 1/X Concept's most noteworthy attribute can be seen in bioplastic body panels derived from seaweed. "We used lightweight carbon fiber in the frame for its superior collision safety," project manager Tetsuya Kaida said of the 1/X. "But that material is made from oil. In the future, I'm sure we will have access to new and better materials such as those made from plants, something natural.

"In fact, I want to create such a vehicle from seaweed because Japan is surrounded by the sea."

Kaida added that the 1/X Concept "points the way toward a much more sustainable relationship between humans and the environment. It's also a direction for a future Prius, two or three generations ahead of the current car."

Florida-based Algenol Biofuels, working in partnership with Dow Chemicals, has big plans to power such future cars with its proprietary algae-to-ethanol biofuel.

Typical corn-based ethanol has been criticized for straining the world's food supply, contributing to global warming by encouraging the plowing of grasslands and consuming a substantial amounts the annual U.S. corn crop.

The Algenol approach solves those problems by producing its ethanol fuel without occupying arable land or consuming feedstocks needed for human or animal consumption, a conflict that has been in the news many times this summer due to drought-ravaged crop yields. All it needs for production is seawater, sunlight and algae.

**The facts: Seaweed as a fuel**

- **Algenol.** This new fuel is made in bioreactors (read below) using seaweed and photosynthesis. It is ethanol but it's just produced in a much more environmentally sound way than actual ethanol which has been criticized for depleting food stocks through its production.
- **Algae bioreactors.** These are 50-foot-long by five-feet-wide troughs covered with flexible plastic and filled with about 1,000 gallons of saltwater. The water is then saturated with carbon dioxide to encourage algae growth.
- **Ethanol vs Algenol comparisons.** Algenol touts 6,000 gallons of ethanol per year per acre at a cost of less than $1 per gallon. By comparison, corn produces about 370 gallons per year per acre while sugar cane accounts for about 890 gallons per acre.
- **The future.** With 139 million square miles of ocean covering the earth's surface, and containing a volume of some 329 million cubic miles, there looks to be no shortage of future fuels from this promising process.

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## Horoscopes

### ♈ Aries
**March 21 - April 20**
Things may get hot over the next 24 hours, but that's OK because you are the kind of person who thrives when the pressure is on. Just make sure you remember to keep thinking. Instinct alone won't be enough.

### ♉ Taurus
**April 21 - May 21**
You may have to give ground to a rival today, simply because he or she is even more stubborn than you are! The planets warn that if you go toe-to-toe with them, it could be you who comes off second best.

### ♊ Gemini
**May 22 - June 21**
If someone you work or do business with gets a bit aggressive today, you would be wise not to meet their challenge head-on. This is the kind of confrontation you cannot win, so be sensible.

### ♋ Cancer
**June 22 - July 23**
You are in the kind of mood where you are quite prepared to turn your life upside down if you believe it is needed to bring success. You may be right, but don't go too far and get rid of everything.

### ♌ Leo
**July 24 - Aug. 23**
You will get what you want today — one way or the other. But Mercury linked to power planet Pluto suggests you may upset a few people along the way. Do you care? That just has to be a stupid question.

### ♍ Virgo
**Aug. 24 - Sept. 23**
Put the past behind you and focus on the future. There is no point dwelling on what might have been, and why would you want to when your current prospects are so good? Each day can be a new beginning.

### ♎ Libra
**Sept. 24 - Oct. 23**
Do you have the guts to take some kind of gamble? If you do, it could well pay off — especially if you act decisively on what your inner voice tells you. Others will disagree, of course. But they know nothing.

### ♏ Scorpio
**Oct. 24 - Nov. 22**
Mercury in your sign linked to your ruler Pluto means there is not a shadow of doubt in your mind, but others are not so sure you know what you are doing. Your task today is to find ways to convince them.

### ♐ Sagittarius
**Nov. 23 - Dec. 21**
Seize the initiative today. Make your bid for fame and fortune. If you don't, you may look back later and wonder what might have been — and the worst part is, you will never know. Do something daring!

### ♑ Capricorn
**Dec. 22 - Jan. 20**
Sometimes in life you have to make a decision and stick to it, and this is one of those times. Whatever you are called to act on today, you must be brave and you must be bold. Anything less invites failures.

### ♒ Aquarius
**Jan. 21 - Feb. 19**
You know what needs to be done in your life, so get on and do it and don't worry about whether or not other people will approve. Remember: You don't have to please them — they have to please you.

### ♓ Pisces
**Feb. 20 - March 20**
If you are happy with your life the way it is then fine. If, however, there are things you would like to change now is the time to start making plans. Make them big plans too. Don't limit your horizons.

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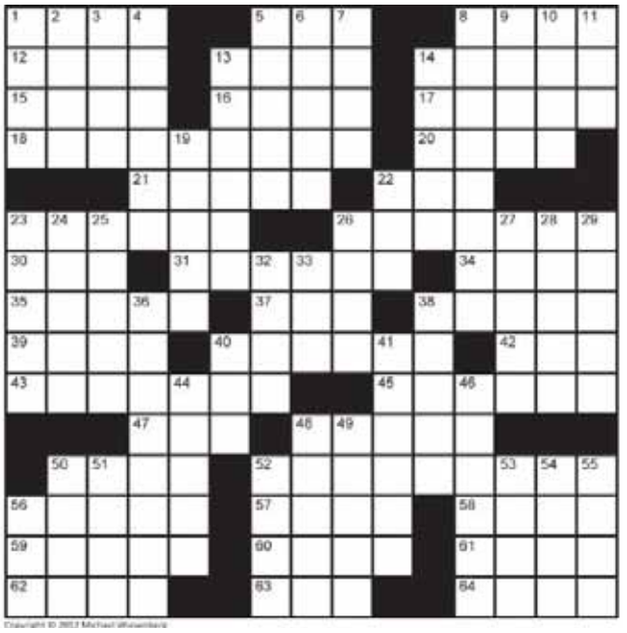

**Across**
1. Permits (someone to do something)
5. Chicken ___ king (2 wds.)
8. Double-reed woodwind
12. Skin soother
13. Actor Alda, Ladd, or Rickman
14. Witch
15. "... was blind but now ___": Amazing Grace (2 wds.)
16. It blows off the ocean
17. Smell
18. Curtails
20. Predicament
21. Conceals
22. Not him
23. Duress
26. Northwest ___: sea route on the Canadian mainland's north coast
30. When doubled, a dance
31. Engraved with acid
34. Ailments
35. Arise anew
37. ___ *and Order*
38. Pig's nose
39. Summers: Fr.
40. Kidnapper's demand for money
42. Society page adjective that means "born" in French
43. Sang like a bird
45. Disappear, like a hairline
47. Not young
48. Eucalyptus-loving marsupial of Australia
50. Plant used to make poi
52. Largest New Brunswick city, whose spelling is sometimes confused with the capital of Newfoundland and Labrador (2 wds.)
56. Bay of ___: location of 52-Across
57. Crooned
58. *Garfield* comic strip dog
59. Signed, as a contract
60. Give's opposite
61. Evil grin
62. Close at hand
63. Bro's female counterpart
64. Defunct US gasoline brand still active in Canada

**Down**
1. Refuge
2. "If all ___ fails, read the directions"
3. Baby's "piggies"
4. Be boiling mad
5. Wonderland girl
6. Goes on and on
7. Aardvark delicacies
8. Has food delivered (2 wds.)
9. Heckles
10. Burden
11. Always: poetic contraction
13. Among
14. Arrives
19. Step part
22. "I've ___ it with you!"
23. Alternative to a nail
24. 8th Greek letter, it comes before iota
25. Grand Prix car
26. Church benches
27. By oneself
28. Applied epoxy
29. ___ Lauder: cosmetics and fragrance brand
32. Dressed
33. Solo of *Star Wars*
36. Boundary that runs through four Great Lakes (2 wds.)
38. Silvery food fish
40. Valentine color
41. Citrus fruit that's also a color
44. Actor Christopher of the *Back to the Future* series
46. Coax gently
48. Hawaii's Garden Isle
49. Pig sounds
50. Adjust to the correct pitch
51. Ottawa-born singer/composer who wrote My Way
52. Former faster-than-sound jets: initialism
53. Wordsworth works
54. Goes quickly
55. Fiddler while Rome burned
56. Fish's steering mechanism

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## What's online

See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.

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| | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 4 | | 7 | 5 | 8 | | 1 | |
| 2 | | | | | | | | 5 |
| | | 9 | | | | 3 | | |
| 9 | 7 | | 6 | | 5 | | 4 | 2 |
| | | | | 7 | | | | |
| 6 | 2 | | 8 | | 4 | | 7 | 3 |
| | | 7 | | | | 4 | | |
| 1 | | | | | | | | 8 |
| | 6 | | 1 | 8 | 9 | | 3 | |

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